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14 1. A method of displaying documents in a research system operated by a user, the method comprising the steps of:

16 displaying at least a portion of a first document; and

18 displaying a representation of one or more citing documents, wherein each of the citing documents cite the first document, and wherein the first document and the representation(s) of the citing documents are displayed simultaneously.

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2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

22 displaying at least a portion of a citing document when a representation corresponding to the citing document is selected by the user.

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26 3. The method of claim 2, wherein text within the displayed portion of the citing document includes a citation to the first document.

28 4. A method of displaying documents in a research system operated by a user, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying at least a portion of a first document; and

displaying a representation of one or more citing documents, wherein the citing documents cite the displayed portion of the first document.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:

highlighting the representations for the citing documents that cite the displayed portions.

6. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:

arranging the representations so as to point out those representations for the citing documents that cite the displayed portions.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the representations are displayed so as to communicate to the user which representations correspond to citing documents that cite the displayed portions.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:

displaying at least a portion of a citing document when one of the representations is selected by the user.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the displayed portion of the selected document includes the citation to the first document.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of:

updating the representations of the citing documents when a different portion of the first document is displayed.

11. The method of claim 4, wherein the citing documents cite a selected section of the displayed portion of the first document.

2 12. A system for researching documents comprising:

(a) a computer including a display; and

4 (b) a data storage medium that is accessible by the computer, wherein the data
storage medium has a program stored on it that is capable of being executed by the
6 computer and is configured to cause the computer to:

display at least a portion of a first document on the display, and

8 display a representation of one or more citing documents on the display,
wherein the citing documents cite the displayed portion of the first document.

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13. The system of claim 12, wherein the first document and the representation(s) of
12 the citing documents are displayed simultaneously.

14 14. A method of displaying documents in a research system operated by a user, the
method comprising the steps of:

16 displaying at least a portion of a first document after displaying portions of
one or more previous documents;

18 displaying a representation for each of one or more citing documents,
wherein the citing documents cite the displayed portion of the first document;

20 displaying a representation for each of one or more previous citing
documents, wherein the previous citing documents cite the previous documents.

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15. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of:

24 highlighting the representations that have been displayed by the user.

26 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of:

clearing the representations from the display in response to a command by
28 the user.